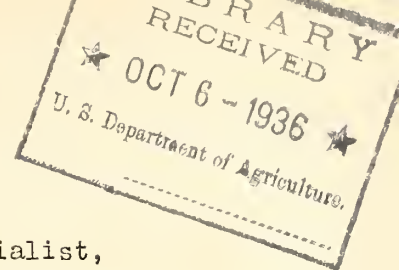


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FOUR-H CLUBS CAMPS ARE POPULAR



A radio talk by Theo Vaughan, Rural Organization Specialist, Camp Long, Aiken, South Carolina, delivered in the National 4-H club radio program, July 4, 1936, and broadcast by a network of 55 associate NBC radio stations.

Hello, Four-H Club boys and girls and friends of Four-H Club work. Summertime is camping time. Thousands of boys and girls throughout the United States are crowding our camps. Not only city children but rural boys and girls as well are sharing the benefits of the organized summer camp. This summer, a representative share of the nearly one million Four-H Club boys and girls within the United States will attend camp.

During the summer of 1935, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight Four-H club camps were conducted in the United States. These were attended by forty-three thousand eight hundred and seventeen boys; fifty-nine thousand five hundred and ten girls; forty-six thousand two hundred and seven leaders and visitors.

Today, in order to see what these Four-H Club camps are like, we shall take a look at one of them.

Dr. Elliott, former President of Harvard University, once made the impressive statement that "The organized summer camp is the greatest contribution which America has made to education." Upon reading this statement, Dr. W. W. Long, director of the agricultural extension service in South Carolina from 1914 until his death in 1934, determined that every Four-H Club boy and girl in the state, who so desired, would have an opportunity to spend at least one week each summer in a modern summer camp.

Out of this determination came Camp Long, appropriately named for the person who dreamed of such an institution for rural boys and girls.

Camp Long is located twelve miles east of Aiken, South Carolina, three miles from U. S. Highway Number One. The camp tract of about two hundred and seventy-five acres including all other property is owned and controlled by the Agricultural Extension Service of Clemson A. & M. College and the United States Department of Agriculture cooperating.

Camp buildings, all of which are constructed of logs, include dining room and kitchen, recreation hall, headquarters building, staff and agents' lodge, director's cabin, superintendent's cabin, cooks' cabin, three bath houses, power house and grist mill.

For outdoor recreation there is a lake, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, horseshoe stakes, tether ball poles, and other facilities.

More essential than equipment is a capable, well trained staff. On the staff this summer are the following men: camp director, doctor, and

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counselors for water sports, crafts, and playground games; while the following staff members are women: associate director, dietitian, and counselors for music, programs, and camp secretary.

Supplementing the regular camp staff are the county farm and home demonstration agents from the counties in camp at a particular time. In addition, one local leader for every fourteen campers accompanies the Four-H Club members from their local communities.

Those persons in charge of Camp Long believe in coeducation. From one hundred and fifty to two hundred boys and girls attend camp each week. Although this period is all too short, the children experience difficulty in getting away from the farm for a longer time during the busy summer season.

In one brief week, however, the clubsters meet many new friends, learn lessons of cooperation in work and play, learn to swim, and pass Red Cross life-saving tests. They learn to entertain themselves, whether it be on the playground, in the recreation hall, in small groups of family size, or around the campfire. Regular classes are conducted daily. These may include nature study, courtesy, music appreciation, health, methods in Four-H Club work, water safety, or various phases of agriculture and home economics.

Camp Long represents South Carolina's effort to set up Four-H club camps on a sound educational basis. It is hoped that the rural boys and girls who come and go from year to year will say

"We go away but always to remember
The lure of lake and stream and forest deep;
The campfire's cheerful glow and dying ember -
These are cherished memories that we keep."

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